

From: "Dreams Come True"

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Subject: Lahaina Maui underground waste water disposal.....

Aloha, My name is Michael Hunter.....telp..... 808 565-6961.

As you are probably aware the Lahaina wastewater facility disposes of treated wastewater through injection wells. These wells have been drilled into porous rock and hence leach out in to the ocean and surrounding areas. The surrounding areas happen to be one of the largest tourist resorts in Mauifurthermore the County of Maui is still approving high density condominiums and homes with little or no regard to where the waste goes.....they have taken an out of sight out of mind approach.....the smell however is prevalent in many areas and I am not kidding!!

More importantly this disposed of waste water makes its way into the ocean and the surrounding beaches.....hence algae blooms(from the high sugar content from Pineapple processing waste water) and MRSA is rampant in these areas.

My son has had first hand experience of this after having been living on a boat at Mala wharf.....he along with many ended up in Maui Memorial after a cut became infected on his finger with in three days of being in the water.....it is a well know fact to many health professionals that Methyl resistant staph aureus is all around Lahaina and Kaanapali.....they believe that the antibiotics taken by the public that end up in the ocean through the injection wells are one of the causes!!

My son who lived on his boat also told me of a broken pipe since Hurricane Iniki.....discharging raw sewerage also toilet paper feces , bubbling to the surface.....this pipe is the one they use when the system gets overloaded.....instead of it going out a mile into the channel it discharges much closer to a few hundred yards..... There seems to be no reporting as to when they discharge raw sewage.....and it goes on a lot more than people are aware. Talk to the boaters at Mala Wharf!!

Still the construction projects are approved.....let me be clear I am not anti development.....but Maui County and the Mayor need to be held accountable for polluting our shorelines. The financial damage that will be done to our Islands and industries as tourists become aware of what they are swimming in will only become more apparent.

Perhaps we need people with billboards on beaches letting people know how many trillions of gallons of treated sewage were dumped in the last year in front of their million dollar homes , Hotels and Condos, before we get action!!

We need the EPA to do their jobMaui County in the past has said that they monitor the situation. They need to be monitored by an independent authority and not be allowed to increase any discharge until they deal with the problems at hand. This is a huge problem that the county has been aware of for along time!! Records need to be made public and need to be kept by an independent organization and need to be readily accessible, and any time raw sewage is discharged the whole coastline should be warned.

In closing let me say Please DO NOT Renew their permit without finding out What is Really going on over here!!! Action needs to be taken before the County is given any go ahead.....The reliability of the County to Police itself had been overrun by financial considerations, and cronyism!!

Thanks for the opportunity to input.....Please EPA enough is enough!!

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